

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 50

\$762,372 in Stimulus Funds Spent on “Dance Draw”

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) is spending \$762,372 in taxpayer Stimulus funds for a project called “Dance Draw” at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dance Draw involves students attaching wireless mice to their chest and wrists and dancing to form abstract geometric shapes on a computer. NSF awarded the grant because they considered it, “computer science research.”
- Brian Balfor of the Civitas Institute in Raleigh, highlighted the program as one of the worst stimulus projects in North Carolina. According to Balfor, the project only created 1.5 jobs. Instead of spending over half a million dollars per dance job, the money “could have funded sixteen school teacher jobs.”
- North Carolina’s unemployment rate is currently at 10.3%.
- It’s been over a year and five months since the Democrats have passed their \$787 billion “Stimulus” bill. Since then, the Weekly Waste Watch has located 50 projects across the country, equaling over \$8.7 billion in wasted taxpayer money. Clearly, that’s just the tip of the iceberg.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$762,372 in taxpayer funds would not go to a project that created just 1.5 student dance jobs. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Source:** <http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/Dancing-Stimulus-Project-Has-Critics-97677354.html>

The Washington Watch Report is available on the House Republican Whip’s website:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/blog/wwindex.html>

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